Publishing Industry - Trade Events In Publishing:

Minerva - Creative Sector Specific Links:

- **AWARDS** – Good opportunity to meet people in the business, and possibly be recognised in categories for first novels or as an unpublished writer.

Examples - The **BPIF**, **Oxford Brookes University** and **The Publishers Association Book** Design and Production Awards. www.bpif.org.uk

Promote and acknowledge the excellence of the British book design and production industry. Includes "Best Student Book of the Year". Category is open to anyone in part or full time education on a recognised publishing, printing or design based course in the UK that has completed a book for as part of their course.

Costa Book Awards – has first novel category.

- **BOOK FAIRS** – Chance to meet authors and make connections with publishers. Can get a sense of what new literature is doing at the moment, new authors whom you may wish to work with etc.

Example - The **London Book Fair** – 14-16 April 2008. Concentrated 3-day trading and educational platform offering access to the world's books, real business contacts and shared knowledge. www.londonbookfair.co.uk

- **FESTIVALS** – Large numbers of important authors/publishers/editors. Possibility of lectures by established writers, etc., with advice on how to enter the business.

Example - **Bath Literature Festival** – www.bathlitfest.org.uk - 10 days of literary events, including guest speakers, debates, etc.

- **RESOURCES** – The Booksellers Association - www.booksellers.org - diary of events page - book fairs - global and local - some are trade only 'remainder & promotional book fair'.

- **SOCIETIES/ ORGANISATIONS** – Established groups may have good connections with large publishers, discounted rates of entry to events, help and advice with your work.

Examples - **National Association of Writers in Education** - mini-conference, and masterclass workshops in poetry, fiction and drama. Looking at contexts outside of formal education; exploring philosophical issues; and practical considerations such as student diversity and working with other arts and subject areas.

The **Society Of Authors** – www.societyofauthors.org - Non-members - Literary café lunches in Oxford -These take place once a month. Fifteen to twenty people enjoy a discussion with someone of interest over a buffet lunch and a glass of wine in the QI Club. The Society also holds many events for society members, such as lunches and conferences, including guest speakers, debates and workshops. Exhibitions will feature various publishers as well as MA students – something to get involved with. But do seem very expensive – non-members, non-residential - Non Members £180 + VAT £31.50 = £211.50.

London Press Club monthly drinks – first Thursday of every month. Members and guests welcome.

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